

obviousness-type double patenting rejection. The Office also acknowledges the Information Disclosure Statements filed on December 23, 2005 and June 15, 2006.

Claims 6-10 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 5-8 of co-pending application US Serial No. 10/562,490 (US Published Application 2006/0178421). With this Response and Amendment, the Applicants submit a Terminal Disclaimer, thereby obviating the rejection.

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Accordingly, entry of the Terminal Disclaimer, reconsideration of all grounds of objection and rejection, withdrawal thereof, and passage of this application to issue are all hereby respectfully solicited.

It should be apparent that the undersigned agent has made an earnest effort to place this application into condition for immediate allowance. If she can be of assistance to the Examiner in the elimination of any possibly-outstanding insignificant impediment to an immediate allowance, the Examiner is respectfully invited to call her at her below-listed number for such purpose.

Allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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